

LOCALS and PERSONALS

Sam Officer visited Raton, Friday. William and Ray Whiteman were up from Ponil on last Saturday.

Mrs. Frederic Whitney is the guest of Mrs. M. M. Dawson in Raton.

George Webster, manager of the Vreaca ranch, went to Raton Monday.

Dr. Horatio Walker went to Raton Monday, returning the same evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Griebel went to Raton Sunday for the ball game, returning Monday.

A. H. Allen, chief engineer of the Cimarron & Northwestern, returned from Raton Monday.

Cornelius Daley returned to Cimarron Sunday, having completed a contract at the U. S. ranch.

The roundup on the Urracca ranch occurred on last Friday and Saturday and a large number of calves branded.

William Rupert left the first of the week for Las Vegas, where he has entered the employ of the Santa Fe as brakeman.

Two young men of Cimarron are preparing to open a hack and express line to and from the depot and also general service about town.

L. Charette and Rudolph Wildenster are putting in a new bar and completely renovating their saloon. Hunter has the painting contract.

The Cimarron Mercantile company have just received a large consignment of Hamilton-Brown shoes, and are displaying a handsome line of summer footwear.

W. K. Christie, foreman of the roundhouse, returned Tuesday evening from Madison, Ill., having inspected and accepted three hundred coal cars for the Swastika road.

The Vreaca ranch roundup Sunday was very quiet, the only representatives from outside ranches being John Lane and John Kilbridge, from the C. S. ranch. J. C. Record and James Livingston drove out in a buggy.

The Cimarron Swastikas will have a valuable addition to their ball team in the future. Brooks, the Raton

catcher, has taken a position here in the roundhouse and in future will catch for the Swastikas.

G. A. Whitney, of Pasadena, California, is visiting his son, Frederic Whitney, of the Cimarron Townsite company. Mr. Whitney, who is an old resident and property owner of the county is very much pleased at the progress made in this locality in the past year.

The Maxwell Supply company's store will soon be completed. The foundations of stone, 40x140 were completed Wednesday. The interior will be a modern store with balconies running the full length of the store and an eighteen-foot ceiling. Tony Scherrer has the contract.

Dave Cole's many friends will be glad to learn that he has resigned his position in the auditor's office of the Swastika road to return to his old position with the Cimarron Townsite company. When Mr. Cole left Cimarron two months ago the young people regretted very much to lose him, as Mr. Cole was one of the most popular young men in town.

Mr. G. A. Whitney, who has been spending some time visiting his son, Frederic Whitney, started East on Wednesday and will make a stay at Waterloo, Iowa. Mr. Whitney is highly pleased with the progress evident in Cimarron and believes it the coming town of Colfax county. He also had kind words to say of the News-Press and believes it will be a power in the upbuilding of the town.

The following were loyal followers of the Swastikas at last Sunday's game in Raton and went with the boys on the special train run by the Rocky Mountain company: Mr. and Mrs. Griebel, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Duckworth, Mr. and Mrs. Belton, Mrs. H. C. Jamison, Messrs. Frank Crocker, Jesse Littrell, J. J. Brick, D. Cartwright, Riley Littrell, John Littrell, Thomas Bough, Charles Scott, Alex Livingston, Miguel Archuleta, Tony Scherrer, Carl Carlson, E. B. Boyd, J. C. Vest.

Raton Range Gleanings.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Springer of Cimarron, were Raton visitors Monday and Tuesday.

A. E. Alldredge and S. Florsheim, of Springer, and Dr. T. W. Cunningham, of Las Vegas, were Raton visitors on Monday.

G. G. Allen, chief engineer of the Cimarron & Northwestern railroad, and Dr. Horatio Walker, both of Cimarron, were in town the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Webster, Jr., of Cimarron, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Officer the first of the week, who gave a dinner party in their honor Monday night.

H. M. Letts, associated in the cattle business with Charles Springer, of Cimarron, spent a few hours here yesterday, en route from points in Iowa to Cimarron. Mr. Letts has been in the East for several weeks.

W. K. Christie, general foreman of the Cimarron shops of the St. Louis, Rocky Mountain & Pacific railway company, was in town a few hours yesterday, on his way home from Madison, Ill., where he had been superintending the construction of 800 new coal cars for the road.

Construction Work Being Pushed

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the grade is ready it will all be on the ground, ready for use.

One great advantage which the new road had was the fact that the right of way lays through the immense timber reserves of the Continental Tie and Lumber company, who immediately set a number of men at work getting out the necessary materials. Bridge pilings, telephone poles, bridge timbers and ties are being cut on the sides of the upper Ponil canon and slid down to the roadway ready for use. The sides of the canon for miles are lined with this material, ready for use. On account of the size and strength of the bridges, the stringers are all being cut in Dean canon, and delivered to the Kit Carson supply yards.

Mr. C. A. Bridges, who is in charge of the bridge construction of the road, has a pile driver and a force of men at work now in the upper canon, and has the piles driven for a number of bridges. Mr. Bridges has been connected with bridge construction work on the Santa Fe, Rock Island, D. & R. G., and the St. Louis, Rocky Mountain & Pacific, and will give the new line excellent bridge structures.

In the building of mountain railroads the danger of washouts and slides must be taken into consideration, and the engineer in charge has planned and is executing a practical system of flood ditches and culverts which will thoroughly protect the roadbed from these dangers, and handle the flood waters from the immense drainage traversed by the road.

"FAMOUS RANCHES OF COLFAX COUNTY"

In the near future The News will begin the publication of a series of most interesting articles, taking for its subject "The Famous Ranches of Colfax County." The series of sketches will deal with the history and physical features of some of the most interesting and important ranches and farms in the world. The sketches will be especially valuable for the information they contain, and for their historical value to Colfax County.

BIG WAREHOUSE COMPLETE

The new warehouse of the Cimarron & Northwestern, just east of town was completed last week and this week the St. Louis, Rocky Mountain & Pacific track gang is at work building tracks into the house, so that supplies can be unloaded there. There is a large quantity of building material along the line now, awaiting a storage place, and a large number of ties have already been unloaded at the junction of the Cimarron & Northwestern and the Rocky Mountain.

STORING MATERIAL FOR NEW DEPOTS AND BUILDINGS

The St. Louis, Rocky Mountain & Pacific Railroad company are accumulating quite an amount of lumber and material for use in building bridges and depots and other buildings along their line. The material is being stored in the yards here, and will be taken to the various points of use when needed.

Ira Duckworth of Cimarron, a well known base ball player and a member of the Swastika nine, has been presented by admiring friends of this city with a bat forty-two inches long and four inches thick at the end, in recognition of his record in making hits in the game at Cimarron last Sunday.—Raton Range.

Telephone Service Unsatisfactory

The business people of Cimarron have just cause for complaint at the careless and unsatisfactory telephone service now being given over the Colorado Telephone company's line. The equipment is not kept in good order, and it is almost impossible to hold an intelligent conversation between Cimarron and surrounding towns. The line has been out of service recently for days at a time, business people put to considerable inconvenience. Many of our merchants and business people are now using the telegraph as a more satisfactory means of communication, but the town should have better telephone service, and we trust a general complaint will be forwarded to the district manager of the telephone company.

Bright Agricultural Prospects.

Agriculturally the Cimarron country never had brighter prospects. The abundant rains have put the soil in excellent condition, in many localities without irrigation, and all the streams, ditches and reservoirs are carrying immense quantities of water. Owing to the failure of fruit some of the larger ranches are sowing more grain this spring than ever before, and it is believed that the product of the Cimarron country in this line this year will almost supply the demand. The immense amount of team work of the past two years has required more grain than the locality would produce, and a considerable amount has been shipped. This year, there will be a more general activity than ever before, and as the local supply of grain is exhausted, the feed will all have to be shipped in until the coming crop is harvested. The advent of the railroad has made new demand for teams and teaming. More teams will be used in the lumber industry, and in the mining industry. New industries will be established and new communities will spring up, all of which will require more and better horses. There will be a demand for heavy draft horses and mules here in the next few years, which will be hard to supply. Some of the more progressive ranchmen have already begun the breeding of heavy draft stock. This promises to be an important industry in this locality.

MOTOR CAR FOR ROCKY MOUNTAIN

One of the coming conveniences of travel in Colfax county which will be installed in the near future, is a motor car for passenger, express and baggage accommodations which will run between Cimarron and Ute Park, connecting with the regular passenger trains now in service to Cimarron. The car will be of ten passenger capacity and will make the trip comfortably in about forty minutes, leaving Cimarron at 6:40 p. m. and arriving at Ute Park at 7:20 p. m. The trip will be made in the morning in time to connect with train No. 2, east bound from Cimarron. It is probable, too, that special trips will be made with the motor car, which will be an ideal conveyance for sightseers, and the scenery of Cimarron canon will probably attract a number of people during the summer.

Mrs. E. J. Belton was in Raton, Saturday.

The new blacksmith shop of J. R. Wilson was completed last Friday and Mr. Wilson moved over. The new building, which is 30x40 feet, is very conveniently arranged. An addition forty feet in length will soon be built, in order to accommodate the increasing trade of the firm.

J. C. Rhodes, who had charge of the building of the new warehouse of the Cimarron & Northwestern company returned to Trinidad, Saturday morning.

WERE ASTONISHED

Parties here from Colorado a few days ago were considerably astonished when they walked over to the river and saw the large volume of water running down stream, and when told that was all going to waste, were more surprised. With that volume of water stored, they said, this entire country, with its immensely rich lands could be irrigated and the finest kind of crops grown. Being careful observers and men who have assisted in reclaiming that rich agricultural section of Colorado where land is selling at between \$100 and \$500 an acre, which a quarter of a century ago was known as the Great American Desert, they claimed that this section of country, with its never failing supply of water, could be converted into the finest and most productive beet fields.—Springer Stockman.

Colonel R. E. Twitchell of Las Vegas, has been invited, and has accepted the invitation, to deliver the address in behalf of the people of New Mexico, at the great celebration to be held in Carlsbad July 3 and 4, in honor of the completion of the Hondo and the Carlsbad irrigation projects.

HE IS A WISE MAN

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I have for sale a large rooming house and restaurant that is paying 20 per cent on an investment of \$4,500. The buildings are new and occupy three lots. It will pay you to investigate.

F. A. Haimbaugh

Cimarron, New Mexico.

Wild Cherry Crop Uninjured.

A peculiar feature of the fruit situation in Colfax county was learned by the News man the other day in a conversation with one of the foremost fruit raisers of the county. The wild cherry crop is uninjured and in fact will be heavier this year than usual. Whether this fruit is so much later in budding than other varieties, or whether it is a harder nature, we do not know, but it is a fact that trees wherever found are heavily loaded with fruit. In years past, even when there was an abundance of fruit, wild cherries have been eagerly sought, and make a delicious jelly. This year fruit raisers will sell the product, and one prominent horticulturalist expects to market fifteen hundred or two thousand boxes.

WORK PROGRESSING NICELY ON NEW TUNNEL

T. T. Kelly, former treasurer of the State of Kansas and now representing the Lantry-Sharp Construction company of Topeka, Kansas, which has the contract for digging the new tunnel through Raton mountain for the Santa Fe, gave out an interesting interview a few days ago concerning the progress of the work. He said:

"The work is progressing in good shape. All of the machinery is on the scene, and two shafts are finished. At present we have only excavated about 200 feet in from the west side. We are in splendid shape to proceed with the work, but are hampered on account of the scarcity of labor. "I do not expect to have any trouble though, in getting a sufficient number. We pay them \$2 to \$2.75 per day, and that is better than the native laborers usually receive in this vicinity."

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